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- 1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED TAPE RECORDING OF DAYAN'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 11. EXCERPTS RELEVANT QUESTIONS AND ANDWERS ARE AS FOLLOWS.
- 2. BEGIN QUOTE. Q. "MR DAYAN, GRANTED THAT ISRAEL IS ENGAGED IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THESE ORGANIZATIONS, ARE YOU SAYING NOW THAT ISRAEL IN EFFECT IS NOT CONFINED BY INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND PRACTICES, THAT ISRAEL IS A LAW UNTO ITSELF AND CAN DO WHATEVER IT WANTS IN THE COURSE OF THIS CAMPAING TO SNUFF OUT TERRORISM? ARE YOU WARNING THE WORLD OF THIS?"
- 3. A. "THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I DID NOT SAY, BUT I AM SURE THAT THE FIRST LAW WHICH EVERYBODY AROUND THE WORLD SHOLD OBEY IS TO PREVENT ASSASSINATION, THE ONE LIKE TAKEN IN ATHENS (SIC), AND I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY, REALLY ANY DECENT MAN ALL OVER THE WORLD, THAT SHOULDN'T OR WOULDN'T HAVE DONE ANYTHING HE CAN IN ORDER TO STOP OR PREVENT SUCH AN OPERATION..."

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- 4. Q. "IS ISRAEL PLANNING TO CONTINUE THIS KIND OF TACTIC IN THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM?"
- 5. A. "THE PLAN IS TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN AND WHENEVER WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STOP THEM, TO KICK THEM, TO FIGHT THEM, AS LONG AS THEY GO ON WITH THEIR PLANNING OF ASSASSINATIONS, TO STOP IT IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN AND WHENEVER WE HAVE A PROPER OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT . . ." END QUOTE.
- 6. COMMENT. ANSWERS CONFIRM THAT DAYAN SAID HE BELIEVES ISRAEL IS FREE TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY IN ORDER TO COMBAT TERRORISM.
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